

WILD NEWS

Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

Nature Program Calendar January - March 2005

NATURE PROGRAMS

Reservations are required for these FREE popular programs. Space is limited. Call (303) 289-0930 to register. Please dress accordingly to the weather. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Assistance dogs are welcome.

JANUARY

Saturday January 1
Refuge Closed - Happy New Year!

Frosty Photo Tour

Sunday January 2 9:00 - 11:00 am
Sunday January 9 9:00 - 11:00 am
Enjoy the abundance of winter wildlife and start the new year with that perfect shot! This time of year is great for photographing birds and mammals.

Winter Skies

Saturday January 15 5:00 - 7:00 pm
View Saturn and Jupiter during this special opportunity brought to you by the Denver Astronomical Society. Telescopes and star charts will be provided.

Wildlife Wars with

Terry Grosz

Saturday January 22
10:00 am - noon

Hear the real-life adventures of author and thirty-two year law enforcement veteran, Terry Grosz, as he spins a yarn or two about his experiences. A book signing will be held after the presentation.

Hunters of the Sky

Saturday January 29 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Hawks, eagles, and owls make the Refuge skies their home. Take advantage of this special raptor tour in search of seven different spectacular hunters, learn about their behavior, and how to identify them.

FEBRUARY

Winter Exploration

Saturday February 5 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Explore the winter world of snow, ice, and steam through activities focusing on winter safety, wildlife adaptations,

weather, snow crystals and more!
Recommended for children ages 6-11.

Where Eagles Soar

Sunday February 6 10:00 am - noon
Don't miss this opportunity to see our national symbol! During this special tour you may see some of the 100 bald eagles that winter along the Front Range.

Sky Tigers

Sunday February 13 9:00 - 11:00 am
Great horned owls are one of the most powerful and secretive birds. You'll have a hootin time learning about these magnificent creatures!

Wildlife Watch Workshop

Sunday February 20 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Learn about the skills that make reconnecting with wildlife fun and easy! (See insert for more details.)

Birding Basics

Saturday February 26 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Are you a beginning birdwatcher and want to learn more about this popular hobby? Here's your chance to participate in an adventurous outdoor experience looking for Colorado's wintering and year-round birds while learning the best techniques.

Refuge Manager Tour

Saturday March 12
10:00 am - noon

The Refuge Manager will fill you in on everything that's going on at the Refuge during this special and unique tour.

MARCH

Tracks & Scat

Saturday March 5 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Animals leave behind lots of clues to let you know where they've been. Learn to become a wildlife detective and see if you can figure out what animals left their tracks and scat!

Friends of a Feather

Saturday March 19 9:00 - 11:00 am
Birders unite! Take our Bird Checklist and search for song sparrows, chickadees, flickers, and other common and uncommon feathered winter and spring dwellers.

Kids in the Wild

Sunday March 20 10:00 am - noon
What is creepy, crawly, slithery, and slimy? You'll find out during this exciting Refuge adventure!

Scouting for Wildlife

Saturday March 26 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Calling all scouts - get into the wild at your Refuge and prepare for a day full of outdoor experiences and challenges! Explore the world of waterfowl and mammals, take a guided hike through four ecosystems, and spin the "wild wheel" for a Refuge trivia challenge.

Shutterbug Tour

Sunday March 27 9:00 - 11:00 am
Get an early jump on your spring photography collection! You won't want to miss the amazing wildlife at the Refuge.

Wild Rides

Saturdays 10:00 am - noon
Sundays 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Refuge on this two-hour trolley-tram tour.

Wild Treks Drop-in Program

Saturdays and Sundays
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Don't let snow covered trails stop you from discovering the beauty of winter at the Refuge! Grab your snowshoes and head out for some "cool" exploring! The trails are open year-round.

Scout Packs

Saturdays and Sundays
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Our backpacks are filled and ready to be checked-out to help scouts earn their badge requirements.

Please Note: Our trolley-tram tour will not be offered on February 20th.



JOIN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ARSENAL WILDLIFE SOCIETY!

The Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Society (Society) supports stewardship, environmental education and interpretive programs at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). By way of example, an important annual Society program is a scholarship contest for students at Adams City, Brighton and Montbello High Schools. Nine students with winning essays on a designated topic about the National Wildlife Refuge System receive scholarship awards to assist them in their first year of college. Also, the Society, with grants from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Wild Birds Unlimited, funded a web cam that enables wildlife enthusiasts to view wildlife activity at the Refuge in real time (visit <http://rockymountainarsenal.fws.gov/visitors/vc.htm>). The Society also operates a bookstore, **Wild In Colorado**™, at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Net proceeds are devoted to support environmental education and interpretive programs at the Refuge. If you are interested in becoming a Society member, please complete and mail the form below.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I want to support the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Society and its programs with my membership.

Please check membership:

☐ Life\$750
☐ Corporate ...\$500
☐ Patron\$150
☐ Supporting ..\$50

☐ Family\$30
☐ Individual\$25
☐ Senior\$15
☐ Full-time Student ..\$15

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (office) _____

E-mail _____

Please make checks payable to the *Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Society* and mail to:

Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Society
Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, Building 111
Commerce City, Colorado 80022

Donations and a portion of membership dues are tax deductible.

Back by popular demand, the Society will host a morning photography tour at the Refuge on *February 26, 2005* at the Refuge. Reservations are limited to seven people who are interested in Society membership or are current board members. For more details, or to make a reservation, call the Society office at 303-289-0820.